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Pomerantz, Tanny resign

by gene allen

Richard Pomerantz has resigned as President of the Students' Society. He outlined the reasons for his decision in a letter read out by Students' Society Secretary Treasurer Myron Galloway to Council and about 100 students at last night's Students' Council meeting. In the letter, Pomerantz cited personal and academic commitments as reasons for the decision.

Late last night, External Vice-President Allan Tanny informed the *Daily* that he too was resigning. Tanny's statement appears on page 4.

Internal V-P David Rovins will now also hold the position of interim President until elections can be held. Until then, Rovins will be assisted in his duties by a three-man committee consisting of Ashley Hilliard, René Sorell and Michael Montgomery.

Prior to Council's acceptance of Pomerantz's resignation, a motion was passed expressing non-confidence in Rovins, and calling for his resignation.

However, Council made it clear that the resignation call was not binding upon the Internal V-P and, asked what he would do, Rovins stated that he would continue in office.

Pomerantz opened the meeting by presenting a nine-point motion asking that:

- the Students' Society express non-confidence in David Rovins as Vice-President of internal affairs;
- the *McGill Daily* be published three times weekly instead of five, and funds allocated for Tuesday's and Thursday's papers be reallocated to Community McGill;
- the editor of the *McGill Daily* - be fired for allegedly not covering campus news sufficiently as well as for an alleged lack of integrity, and that applications for the position be called for immediately; the motion also asked Council to name an interim editor;
- that the following organizations be denied funding (which would require rescinding budgets): Amateur Radio Club, and national clubs - other than International Students' Association, and that these funds be reallocated to community-oriented programs;
- that the budget of Radio McGill be decreased "as it is not in the student interest to maintain line shows";
- that non-students be denied access to University Center facilities;
- that the TV lounge be re-opened for a trial period of one month and that it be closed immediately after the TV is broken or stolen;
- that the Students' Council express confidence in Myron Galloway, Secretary-Treasurer of the Students' Society; Saidye Hempey, Comptroller of the Students' Society; Frank Costi, Union Building Manager, as well as all the rest of the office staff;
- that Students' Council be made aware of the contents of "the letter that I have just presented to Myron Galloway."

The letter contained Pomerantz's resignation. As soon as he finished reading his statement, the ex-President left the room and was not seen for the rest of the meeting, failing to speak to the nine motions he had introduced, or for the action that Council might take as a result of his resignation.



daily photo by harold rosenberg

Councillors voting at last night's Council meeting. Far left (with the beard) Ashley Hilliard, Arts and Science Representative, in the foreground Secretary Treasurer Myron Galloway and Rovins. On the right (with the pipe) Commerce Representative Peter Chodos.

Debate then began on Pomerantz's first motion, calling for an expression of non-confidence in Rovins.

External Vice-President Allan Tanny charged that the Students' Society executive and employees found it impossible to work with Rovins. He said Rovins had threatened employees with firing, and that his actions were "foolhardy" and "autocratic".

In his reply, Rovins stated that the present executive was incompetent, and that they had not done enough work. He also claimed that other members of Council refused to cooperate with him.

"I feel the hatred from everyone in that (Students' Society) office," Rovins said. "My crime is the crime of telling the truth."

He also charged that there is "corruption" and "rot" in the Students' Society, and said that he is running against "businessmen and lawyers". He said that Building Manager Frank Costi had threatened to "smash my face in".

Law representative Steve Strasser commented that Rovins' charges were too general, and ought to be substantiated. He said the problems mentioned by Rovins were only those of personal relations.

Rovins replied that corruption was possible because there has never been an independent investigation of the Society's finances.

Graduate studies representative Robert Lantos said he resented Rovins' attempts to associate himself with the tradition of "activist student government".

"You should study the past of the Students' Society, and learn from history", Lantos said, with reference to Rovins' proposals to return the television set and jukebox to the Union.

He then proposed an amendment to Pomerantz' non-confidence motion, requiring Rovins to limit himself to the duties of his office and refrain from further "harassment" of the activities and employees of the Students' Society.

There was then some debate on what was precisely meant by the motion of non-confidence.

Commerce Representative Peter Chodos, who had been in the chair when Pomerantz read his statement, stated non-confidence meant that all Rovis' actions would have to be ratified by council.

René Sorell said that Rovins showed concern for the issues, something which council had neglected. He pointed out that the motion of non-confidence was meaningless, as council's decision would not be binding on Rovins in any way.

He also questioned other councillors' acceptance of Pomerantz's report "at face value".

Ashley Hilliard called for the amendment to be put. The amendment was defeated.

Frank Costi spoke to council to explain the threats Rovins charged he had made. "He (Rovins) started shouting at me" during a discussion about turning out lights in the Union at night.

"Nobody screams at me like a goddam dog. I grabbed hold of him, and said, 'Next time you scream at me, I'll punch you in the mouth.' I'll fight with the internal vice-president if he wants to fight with me," Costi said. "But if he wants to talk politely, he's welcome anytime."

PGSS representative Gabor Zinner denounced Pomerantz's action in walking out of the meeting as "irresponsible and theatrical". He said that the decision on the motion should be based on substantive points.

Students' Council yesterday passed a motion to support "the stand of the ISA and the national clubs opposing the raising of tuition fees for non-Canadian students."

Ashley Hilliard said that, to most students, the Students' Society meant the Union, and that the Students' Society was not political, but was concerned with "very trivial, day-to-day decisions".

"Nobody gives a shit if this council passes resolutions condemning the war in Viet Nam," Hilliard said. "We have no higher purpose, as Rovins seems to think."

He then presented a motion calling for Rovins' resignation. He said that Rovins was not capable of fulfilling the Internal Vice-President's job, and could not carry out the day-to-day administrative jobs.

By then, discussion had been going on for almost two hours, and Chodos suggested a fifteen-minute time limit on further

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STAFF MEETING

There will be an important meeting for all Daily staff members today at 3:30 pm. Staffers should make a special effort to attend.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Nominations are being called for the position of President of the Students' Society. See notice on page 3.

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Students' Council Representative
Faculty of Management

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ITALIAN STUDENTS SOCIETY: Guest Speaker from Mouvement Progressiste Italo-Québécois. Union Rm. 327. 1 p.m.

WRESTLING CLUB: Practice, For more info call Don at 695-9108. Gym. 1.

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WOMEN'S CURLING: All welcome. Heather Curling Club, 24 Cleve Road. 1-4 p.m.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING: OWIAA Sectional Meet. Currie Pool. 10 a.m.

MEN'S CURLING CLUB: No ice at T.M.R. Leagues resume next week.

ITALIAN SOCIETY: Discotheque Night. All welcome. 3 beers $1.00. 2 liquors $1.25. See you there! Union Coffee Lounge, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

CHORAL SOCIETY: Concert rehearsal—Compulsory attendance of all members Redpath Hall. 3.

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NOMINATIONS

Nominations are hereby called for the position of PRESIDENT of the Students' Society.

All nominations forms must contain only the following statement: "We, the undersigned students nominate . . . for the position of President of the Students' Society."

All nominations must be signed by 100 students together with their year and faculty, and must be countersigned by the candidate who must include his address and telephone number.

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discussion of the motion.

The motion was passed, with applause from some members of the audience, but Rovins announced later that he would not resign.

Michael Montgomery suggested that the remaining motions introduced by Pomerantz be struck from the agenda.

"These are important issues", he said, "and this is the last meeting for most of the councillors. They should be brought up next term for the new councillors."

Zinner pointed out that, as a result of Pomerantz's resignation, Rovins was now acting President, and suggested that an election for the presidency be held.

Kim Pang moved that all of Pomerantz's motions be tabled, except for the one referring to his resignation. This motion was passed.

Secretary-Treasurer Myron Galloway said Pomerantz's resignation would "leave the Students' Society an absolute shambles". He said an election could not be held until February, giving the new president a term of "about three weeks".

Hilliard said the election could be held much sooner than that if immediate action was taken.

Strasser proposed a motion asking council not to accept Pomerantz's resignation, and urging him to reconsider.

Zinner said Pomerantz's action was "a ploy", and that if "they (the executive) all stay on, it would be equally catastrophic".

Kim Pang said that since Rovins would be working with a new council in January, Council should not take any action to prevent him from becoming President or asking Pomerantz to stay on in the position.

"He (Pomerantz) is using this as a ploy, and we're falling right into his trap."

Hilliard said Pomerantz's resignation would "throw the Students' Society into chaos".

Tanny interjected, "Mr. Pomerantz is not going to retract his resignation." He then produced what was apparently a secret note from Pomerantz, in which Pomerantz said he would not reconsider his decision, and that he "never meant this action to be a ploy at any time".

Hilliard enquired when Pomerantz's resignation was effective. When told it was effective "right now" by Chodos, he pointed out that Rovins, as acting President, should take the chair.

Rovins moved into the chair accompanied by loud and not entirely serious applause. The audience seemed to take the meeting as a joke.

Lantos said a Chief Returniing Officer ought to be appointed to prepare for a presidential election as soon as possible.

Rovins made few attempts to keep order, and shouts of "Who's in the chair?" came from a few councillors.

"We've done some pretty substantial damage here tonight," René Sorell said. He suggested a five-minute adjournment to "straighten things out".

After the break, Sorell announced that along with Hilliard, Montgomery, and Chodos, he would serve on a four-member committee to advise Rovins until an election was held. This committee would, as soon as exams were over, help Rovins with "everyday things". and hold weekly meetings "to solve any problems that arise".

Rovins agreed with this proposal. Sorell then proposed a motion to accept Pomerantz's resignation.

Hilliard said an election could take place "around January 25".

Tanny wanted to return to discussion of Pomerantz's motions, saying that they "deal with major problems." This statement was largely ignored.

Chodos asked for clarification of the division of responsibility between Rovins and the four-man committee. Strasser answered that, as acting President, Rovins was not required to follow anyone's advice, and questioned the vlaue of such a committee.

Hilliard stated that, faced with Rovins' refusal to resign, "the committee will tide things over until the election.

Discussion began on the organization of the election. Martin Shapiro, External Vice-President of the Students' Society in 1968-69, was elected chief returning officer.

Chodos announced that he had changed his mind, and would not serve on the advisory committee to Rovins, since he had voted non-confidence in Rovins earlier on. René Sorell, Montgomery, and Hilliard agreed to remain on the committee despite Rovins' censure.

Shapiro then addressed Council, accepting the position of CRO with the provision that he received the full support and cooperation of councillors. An election will be held January 26, he announced later.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, but was defeated. Disgruntled councillors began to make moves to leave, in an attempt to end the meeting by breaking the quorum.

As they got up to leave, a student shouted "Is this how you represent the people that voted for you?"

Enough councillors agreed to remain seated for a motion concerning the proposed fee hike for foreign students. A motion was passed "supporting the stand of the International Students' Association and the national clubs opposing the raise of tuition fees for non-Canadian students."

After this motion, the letter of resignation from Kirk Stevens, Debating Union President, was read and accepted. Mike Montgomery, Vice-President of the Debating Union, will assume the President's responsibilities.

After this discussion, several councillors left the table. Since there was no quorum, the meeting was effectively adjourned. Several items on the agenda and at least seven motions were left undiscussed.

The following is the text of External Vice President Allan Tanny's resignation as delivered to the Daily *late last night:*

After due consideration of the present situation of the Students' Society I have decided to resign. It is not an easy decision to make. I have devoted a minimum of eight hours a day every day to this job since March 3. It is hard to leave something you have been involved with for so long.

But the present situation necessitates this decision. There is so much to do, so much that can be done. But contrary to the *Daily*'s cynicism, apathy is rampant. An elected representative is not a scapegoat. He can only do so much. Without the help and active participation of all students, the SS cannot ever exist as a worthwhile organization.

Last night council passed a motion asking David Rovins to resign. They then turned around and decided to set up an advisory committee to "help" Mr. Rovins administer the SS.

These are the same people who refused to discuss Mr. Pomerantz's motions concerning a basic re-orientation of the SS on the grounds that they were outgoing Council members who would not be available next term to answer for their decision.

- **I cannot work under a person in whom I have no confidence.**
- **I cannot work under or with a person who I feel will destroy the SS.**
- **I cannot work with someone who has reduced employee morale to zero.**
- **I only hope that students will show a new interest in the SS and show this by electing a realistic person as president, and by *demanding* the resignation of Mr. Rovins.**

Students get what they deserve.

by john crenson

Councillors clarify positions

After last night's Council meeting, during which Richard Pomerantz submitted his resignation as President of the Students' Society and Internal Vice-President David Rovins was censured and asked to resign for reasons of 'incompetence', about half the councillors present gave their impressions of the night's occurrences and the present state of the Students' Council and the Students' Society in general.

Gabor Zinner (Graduate Faculties Representative) wished to "highlight the contradictory position which council has taken." He said that council acted in a contradictory fashion by first, "expressing a vote of non-confidence in David Rovins, now functioning in two capacities, and simultaneously establishing a committee which will function under him".

Individuals who had voted for the non-confidence motion are serving on this committee.

Zinner explained that ultimately, the committee which will advise Rovins while he is Acting Students' Society President until new elections can be held can be "neglected" by Rovins since council has neither defined nor distributed the committee's powers.

Rovins can legally veto recommendations by the committee and run the Students' Society "at his discretion."

During the non-confidence vote, Zinner was the only abstaining member of Council, but by the end of the meeting he was "convinced that Rovins was incompetent and incapable of chairing a meeting."

Peter Chodos (Commerce Representative) voiced concern over the tabling of seven of the eight motions presented by Pomerantz to Council before he resigned.

"Council made a mistake in tabling these motions because this is the last meeting of council this year. The new council can throw these motions out entirely."

Chodos was also "surprised" that Rovins made accusations against the Students' Society Finance Committee of which Chodos is the Director. He said that Rovins was invited to meetings concerned with the budgeting of two clubs in which Rovins had shown an interest but Rovins had not shown up.

"For someone who claims that he was met by hostility and non-cooperation, when he assumed office last month, Rovins has demonstrated that he lacks responsibility."

Chodos was initially named to the advisory committee which would help Rovins during his interim term as President but withdrew from the committee because it would be "hypocritical on my part to serve after voting against him in the non-confidence vote."

"Given the type of personality that Rovins has, any suggestions which came from him (Chodos) would probably be shot-down."

Finally, the Commerce Representative characterized the whole meeting as a "joke" since there was no order at the meeting. The people who tried to impose order were unsuccessful because the audience and some council members enjoyed the anarchistic situation too much.

Joel Berger (Dentistry Representative) criticized Rovins'" taking office as interim Students' Society President even though a vote of non-confidence was taken against him."

Berger questioned the usefulness of the committee formed to assist Rovins.

"I hope that there will be a new election as quickly as possible so that there will be a semblance of order in the Students' Council for incoming new councillors."

Law Representative Steve Strasser asked explicitly for Rovins' resignation. "Speaking for all law students, I asked him to resign because of incompetence. Rovins says that he has a mandate from the students, but to prove it he should resign and seek re-election."

"He now has a non-confidence vote from Council but is presently serving as its President without its co-operation. There is a contradiction, but the Students' Society must be managed."

"I came to the meeting with an open mind. I didn't know whether any of Rovins' accusations were true. Upon questioning, he could not substantiate these accusations. This is most irresponsible action."

Strasser went on to state that this was the only reason why he voted for the motion of non-confidence.

"If Rovins does not resign, I hope that he listens closely to the advice of the committee that has been appointed to help him."

Kim Pang (Engineering Representative) said that "it was indeed ironical that some of the students who voted for the non-confidence vote and asked for the resignation of Mr. Rovins yet agreed to sit in the advisory group to aid him."

It was also "regrettable" he added that Council should decide to pass a motion asking for the resignation of the Internal V-P especially when it was their last meeting until next year when the new council would take over.

"Basically, tonight's vote of non-confidence is immaterial as

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Plus Ça Change

the day the waffle turned into a marshmallow



by arnold bennett

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27 FEB FCPI NASSAU 1454:

FORMER CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER PIERRE ELLIOT TRUDEAU TODAY DENOUNCED THE RECENTLY ELECTED NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY GOVERNMENT FOR PURSUING "DANGEROUS POLICIES OF ECONOMIC NATIONALISM."

HE PREDICTED THAT "AMERICAN BUSINESS ALREADY IN OPERATION IN CANADA WOULD AT LEAST SLOW DOWN PRODUCTION OR CLOSE DOWN COMPLETELY" BECAUSE OF LAWS ON FOREIGN OWNERSHIP AND INVESTMENT.

MR. TRUDEAU WHO RESIGNED AS LEADER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY FOLLOWING LAST MONTH'S ELECTORAL DEFEAT IS VACATIONING WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILD IN THE BAHAMAS. HE MADE THE STATEMENT AT AN IMPROMPTU AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE.
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27 FEB SPP OTTAWA 2004:
NIGHTLEAD SPEECH

Canada's first New Democratic Party government presented its throne speech today and promised a "reassessment" of the Canadian position on foreign investment and ownership.

The government's "ultimate objective" is the building of "an economically and culturally independent Canada."

The throne speech differs on several key points from an NDP convention resolution on foreign ownership passed before the general election.

Both documents agree that "democratic socialism is the only viable alternative for Canada, that the working man's influence must extend into every area of industrial decision-making and that a socialist society must be one in which there is democratic control of all institutions which have a major effect on men's lives and where there is equal opportunity for creative non-exploitive self-development."

But the resolution calls for the prohibition of foreign ownership in resource industries and the encouragement of majority Canadian ownership of all corporations operating here. This proposal is nowhere to be found in the throne speech.

The proposal for reducing the concentration of economic power in the hands of the business community has also been omitted from the NDP's new revised policy.

Instead the government would repatriate natural resources by encouraging massive exploration and development. Meanwhile it would protect the environment from abuse.

Our "socialist" government even proposes in the throne speech to provide government incentives "as a means for development of Canadian entrepreneurship."

The quasi-radicalism of the convention resolution has been replaced with proposals for "reform" of existing laws and institutions.

However, the parliamentary Opposition was busily at work today attacking the government's "disastrous" and "socialist" policies.

Créditiste leader Réal Caouette treated the House to one of his famous tirades.

"The Americans are contaminated by Communists and by the disciples of Mao," he declared.

"This invasion began with Castro in Cuba, followed by

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There's no excuse for *Been Down So Long It Looks like Up to Me*. It is one of the worst movies I have ever been and does a grave injustice to Richard Farina. Before Farina met and married Joan Baez's sister Mimi, before he and his wife started writing and performing their beautiful music (everybody should own copies of *Reflections in a Crystal Wind* and *Celebrations for a Gray Day*.), Farina was one of the more outrageous characters on the Cornell campus. He wrote *Been Down So Long* . . . for sophomore English—a semi-autobiographical record of the life and times at Cornell.

In the mid-sixties his music was getting well known enough for publishers to look at his book. It was published in 1966 to receive much the same critical commentary that Granville Hicks gave it in sophomore English. The story has it that Farina was crocked when he left the publisher's party in San Francisco for his home in L.A. Anyway, he rode his motorcycle off the highway, wiped out and died. That's the sad but short life of Richard Farina.

Now a young pimple fresh out of New York University's Film School, Jeff Young, has decided to cash in on what currency is left the name Farina. In the process he's beaten all the fun out of a hilarious story (though Lord knows it never was great literature). Director Young's efforts remind me of the old joke that given enough time and paper a monkey pounding away at a typewriter would eventually type out *Hamlet*. Given enough time and film, would director Young make *Citizen Kane*?

Young's frat party scenes are perfect examples of Farina's good ideas worked out in the worst possible ways. When the film doesn't amble on aimlessly, it steals material from *The Sterile Cuckoo*. Better would have been to stick to the book, or if Young were capable of it, to come up with an original idea.

Robert Schlitt's dialogue is dead as door nails. I wouldn't stick my worst enemy with lines like, "So, what's doing?" "You have to be patient," "It takes time," and "What's it all about?" Schlitt must have spent hours poring over *Every Scenarist's Handbook of Worn out Phrases* to stock the script the way he did.

The casting was just awful too. Barry Primus has no business playing Gnossos. He drags his feet for two hours in one of the least inspired performances I've ever seen. Somebody should have explained to him that Gnossos was supposed to have been a hip, wild, madman. Linda DeCoff is terrible as Kris. Her face is so sincere, it makes you want to puke. She delivers her lines as flatly as they were written. Only David Downing as Heffalump gives the film any character. Blessedly, the film ends when he dies—I don't think I could bear to watch the others stumble around on the screen unless I had the hope that Hef would soon be back on.

The Kent theater is way out in NDG. Stay close to campus this Friday night and see *A Man Called Horse* in the MacIntyre or *Viridiana* in the Leacock. Either or both would cost less.

BOOKS



by arnold bennett

The Wonderful World of W.A.C. Bennett
R.B. Worley
$10.00
McClelland and Stewart

THERE ARE SOME political biographies that are critical. There are others that are "balanced" or "objective" or "neutral," insofar as these words have any validity. There are still others that are favorable. And finally, there is the political biography that can only be classified as sucky. *The Wonderful World of W. A. C. Bennett* belongs to the last category.

R. B. Worley, the author of this exercise in boot-licking, served as executive assistant to the Premier of British Columbia from 1952 to 1958. During that period he carried the Premier's bags, drove his car and stepped in the way of rotten fruit aimed at his boss by disgruntled voters. Mr. Worley today holds down a high-paying job as Deputy Minister of Travel Industry for British Columbia.

Hostile B.C. reporters have quoted the Premier as saying that he was "plugged in to God," but Worley denies these "irresponsible distortions" and points out that " 'freedom' of the press" can be abused.

In 1951 both the Liberals and the Conservatives had totally discredited themselves in the eyes of the electorate and everything seemed ripe for a "socialist takeover." But the bourgeoisie found a new vehicle through which to exercise its power—Social Credit.

So Wacky Bennett, a disgruntled Conservative, took over the virtually non-existent Socreds, beefed them up with defectors from the Conservatives and Liberals, and took on the big bad "socialist" opposition. And as Worley freely admits, because the electoral machinery was rigged to "keep the socialists out," he won. And British Columbia lived happily ever after.

We learn how the Premier was recognized in West Germany by waiters and elevator operators, how he got a personal audience with Pope Paul, and how he built railways and roads into the neglected interior.

The only part of the book that is of any interest deals with Wacky's meteoric rise to power. Worley, a strong opponent of "socialism" (that is, the CCF-NDP) is definitely not a Marxist in his analysis of electoralism, but he arrives at the same conclusions from an opposite standpoint.

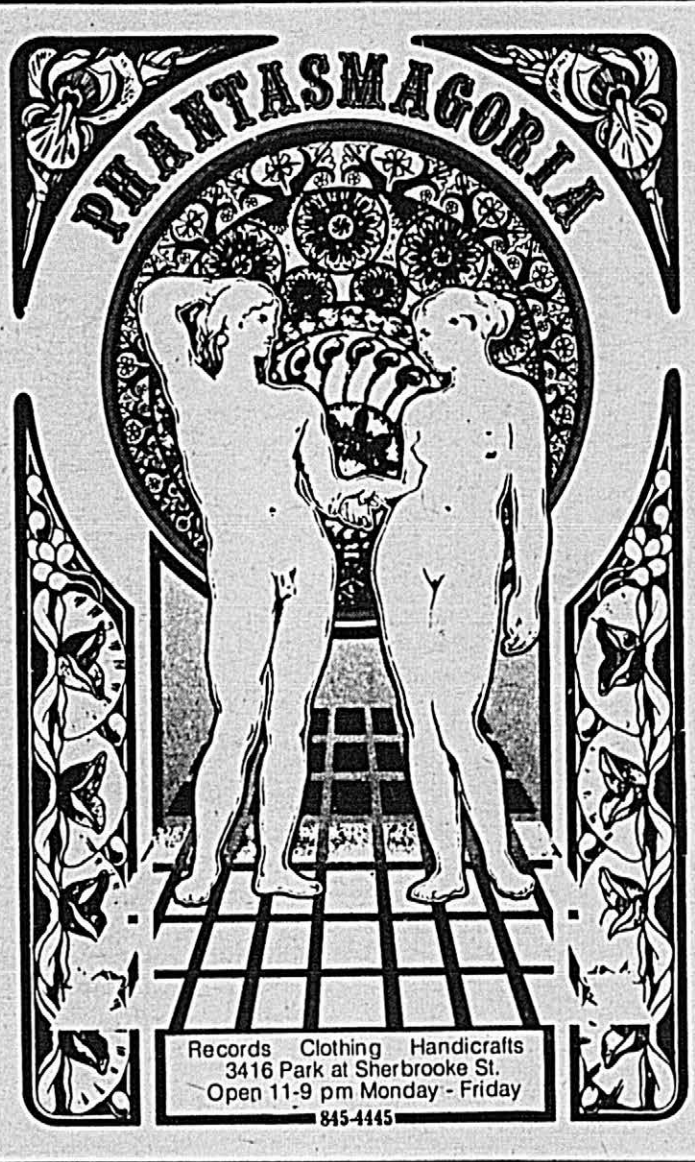
Wacky has always claimed in public that his cabinet ministers are "the best in Canadian history," and Worley tries to keep the glitter on that somewhat tarnished image. "Lies! All lies!" is the essence of his reply to charges against ministers like "Flying Phil', Gagliardi, who was "grounded" by Bennett after using a government plane for personal business. Other cases, like one in which a former minister received a jail term, are not even mentioned in the book.

There are a few useful tidbits of information in the midst of all this whitewash, albeit unintentionally. For example Worley quotes in full from an article by Pete Loudon entitled "Confessions of a crummy reporter," which shows how the B.C. newspapers slant the news to suit the political biases of its publishers. Worley uses this article because the B.C. press is anti-Bennett.

But as the *La Presse* reporters have shown in their recent "dossier noir" and as left-wingers have been saying for years, "news management" is nothing new in a supposedly free press. A little more evidence never does any harm.

But with few exceptions, *The Wonderful World of W. A. C. Bennett* is definitely Brand X.





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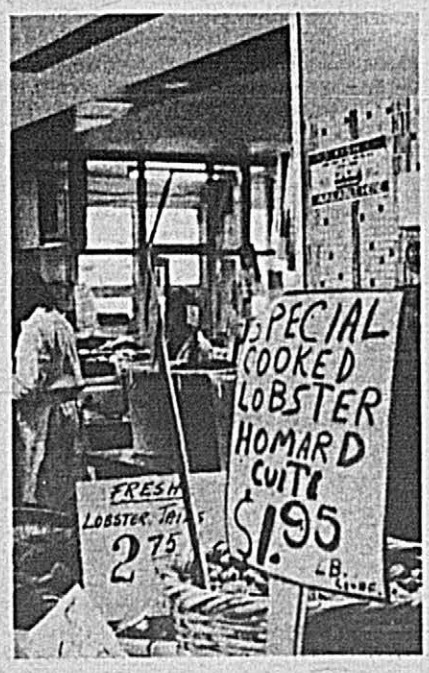


trout fishing on roy street

story: karl nerenberg
photos: raymond payne

I've been a fish freak for fifteen years now. It all started one damp spring day — I was standing by the shore of a partially thawed Laurentian lake casting with a worm and spinner when I caught my first fish, a perch, foul-hooked in the gill. There have been many more since that damp day: doré, pike, speckled trout, lake trout, sunfish, bass, lots of perch, and one six inch brown trout caught after six straight hours of dangling a grasshopper in a 3 by 3 pool of the Baker River in New Hampshire—my most recent catch.

Communion with nature, the challenge of the fight, love of contemplation, or plain laziness — any or all of those could have been the source of my attraction to fishing. There's only one motive I'm sure I didn't have: I didn't do it for food. In fact, I don't remember that I ever particularly liked eating fish. Hamburgers don't have bones, don't smell so funny, and anyway, they always seemed to taste better.



I've never taken any surveys, but I don't think your average sport fisherman is a big fish eater. He's in it for the action, the thrills, the excitement, man against nature, all that Hemingway bullshit. 'The fish is edible? No shit! Well, give it to the guide and pass the scotch!'

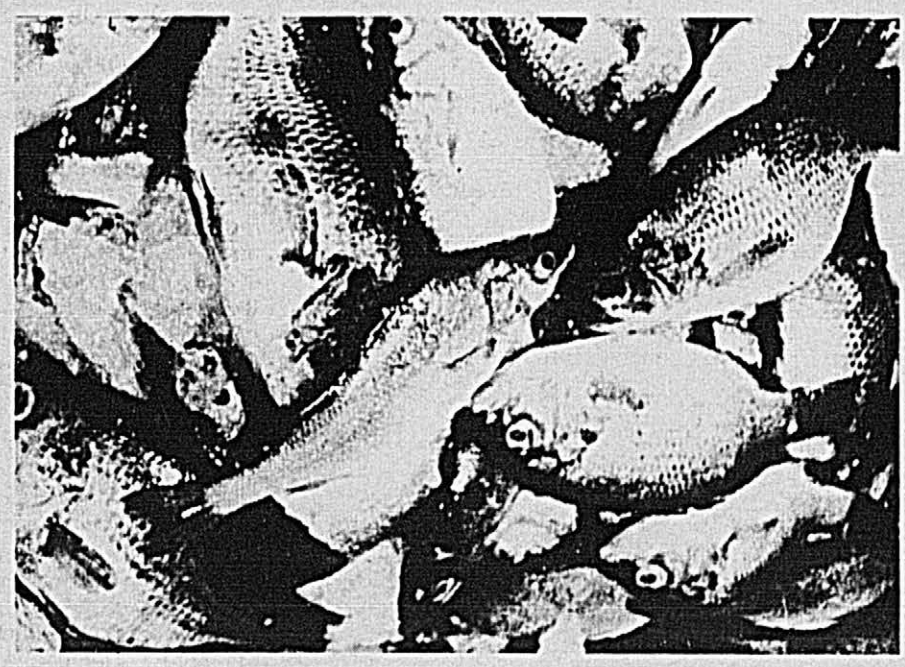
As for myself, I like to think that I'm more an Isaak Walton-type than a Hemingway-type. My fantasies of a perfect day's fishing are more on the order of a quiet afternoon by a trout stream and a pleasant evening in a nearby inn with lute, bottle of claret and fair maiden, than of a hard day out on the blue waters off the Keys battling fierce marlin, knocking back extra proof rum and throwing bitchy dames overboard.

But still, until a few years ago, it had never occurred to me that the slimy creatures were actually good to eat.

That realization came on one sad day in the middle of a desperate and cold winter several years ago. Things — as things have a tendency to do — were going badly. I was down in the dumps, depressed, 'dans mon assiette' — as it were. Had it been possible I would have gone up north, rented a chaloupe and spent a couple of days trolling around some small, anonymous lake.

That alternative was, of course, impossible. And so I had to resign myself to the consolation of RAQ brandy chased with beer and to the 'adventure' of roaming the streets of the city with my collar dangerously open. And then, when I thought I had reached the nadir of my existence, I chanced into Waldman's fish emporium on Roy Street, just east of the Main.

Roy Street, late in the afternoon on a winter day, can seem like a side street in Dostoyevsky's Petrograd. Huddled women dressed all in black, ramshackle old trucks, the live chickens and rabbits in Louis Tucker's window, the fresh bread and pastry in the window of the Greek bakery: everything conspires to create the aura of a time long passed. When in the throes of a brandy-soaked depression I'm susceptible to fits of self-indulgent nostalgia. And nostalgia for a world I never knew is probably what carried me to Roy Street that day. I didn't however, get what I had bargained for.



When you first enter, Waldman's overwhelms you. It's the smell and it's the eyes. Hundreds of fisheyes stare at you. Small, beady trout-eyes; lustreless, sullen pike-eyes; sleepy, dull-witted mullet-eyes; clear, almost-human salmon-eyes; sneaky mackerel-eyes; pathetic, downcast porgy-eyes; viscious eel-eyes; the weird distorted eyes of the sole; and, eeriest of all, the large, round, luminescent eyes of the doré.

There are live fish, dead fish and frozen fish. All kinds: everything from herrings that weigh three ounces each to forty pound chunks of tuna, with red marbelized meat that looks like prime-cut beef. There are also shellfish and crustaceans. Fresh squids, frozen octopi, and live turtles.

Addled and in need of guidance I buttonholed Nicholas, one of the men-in-whi te who was working in the place.

"What kind of people come here" I asked.

"All kinds" he said.

"You mean, there isn't a certain kind of clientele?"

"No, everybody comes . . . "

"Well, I mean, what kind of person likes to eat fish?"

"Hungry people" he said, and that ended the discussion.

Irving, who said he'd been in the fish business for forty years, was more helpful.

"It's mostly immigrants all kinds of immigrants," he said.

And looking around I saw Portuguese, Greek and Chinese men and women. I also saw a couple who were obviously not immigrants and who didn't seem any more familiar with the set-up than I was. He was wearing a tweed suit and she was wearing furs — they were both picking their way gingerly through the snappers, the whitefish and the trout. He lifted a six ounce rainbow trout and asked: "How do you suppose you'd cook this?"

Even I knew that and I couldn't resist butting in:

"Dip it in flour, fry it in butter and serve it with lemon. Delicious."

He acknowledged my suggestion with a curt smile and led his wife away. I was trying to figure what kind of schmuck could possibly not know how to cook trout when Irving grabbed me by the elbow:

"Don't get the wrong impression from the crowd here today. Come on a weekend. You'll get a very different picture. People from all over, from the 'States, from everywhere, come to Waldman's."

"Really."

"Yeah, really . . . Lots of important people, too. Like Levesque. He comes in here, Levesque — I've served him."

"What did he buy?"

"Lobster . . . Bourgault, too. Not that I'd want to call him an important person, the ganiff. But he came in too and bought lobster. A real working man's dish. And the Russian Ambassador—he came in and asked for lobster and I told him in Russian—I'm from Russia myself—I told him that lobster was bourgeois. He got so embarrassed he didn't buy any."

Irving told me that he ate fish at least once a day, every day. What kind of fish? Any kind: halibut, salmon, cod. But no doré — 'I don't like the taste' — and no whitefish — 'too fat'.

A man who eats fish once a day must surely know something about them. I indicated a group of sleek, striped fish with bony dorsal fins and toothy jaws, and asked him what they were.

"Striped bass, very good." he said.

"How would you prepare it?"

He shrugged as though I was asking him something so self-evident it didn't even deserve a reply.

"Bake it."

I bought a four pound striped bass,

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The Circle

Manuscripts – still under investigation – of the 20th Century Reporter Reporting about self and the selves around . . .

drawings and story: béla egyedi

Once upon a time there was a poor, an indeed very poor king So poor in fact that he had to clean his own dishes—after the last of his guests had left—after the banquet to which he used to be the supermarket-shopper, the cook and the butler, the toast-maker and toast-taker . and while sooo poor, had to paint his own pictures/because he had the old-life taste for non-ephemereal beauties, though, alas! and that was one of his curses, he loved the ephemereal types too . . ./. . . had to mend his own worn-out purple-and-gold-and-diamond cloak, polish the crown's (still un-pawned) jewels . . . had to make his own songs to his own lute-play/no record-people would take his songs . . . except for a song), and he had—lacking the lackey's loan—to do his own scribing . . . to carry over the memories of a defunct kingdom: he was too good to be true

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I was visualising myself—way back before the illiteracy-encouraging executive-dictaphone and omni-shit-taperecorder—some 15 yrs or so back, as a gentle 'Nero' in a 20th century troubadour-outfit . . . rolling my hump around the so beautiful (that it had to be doomed!) world of ours . . . and while climbing from high mountains with my 7-mile-a-day leisure-boots . . . across the oceans up back to the Himalayans . . . in *search of the human race*, in all crevices . . . while at the last declining sun's warming purple rays . . . sing my own songs . . . with a typewriter protruding out of my heart . . . like Johannes Talpa ('Mole') (Pinguins Island) recording the facts-of-war . . . while the war raging around him . . . (remember, too, 'Mother Courage'?) . . . till the last piece of paper ran out of my heart-scriber . . . and the last and topmost waves washing the last happy-copulation-remembering 'safe' with the final thrust into my doomed-to-speak mouth . . . forever. (But we are still alive, ain't we ?, the unbrave, o how unbrave and how smart new world . . .)

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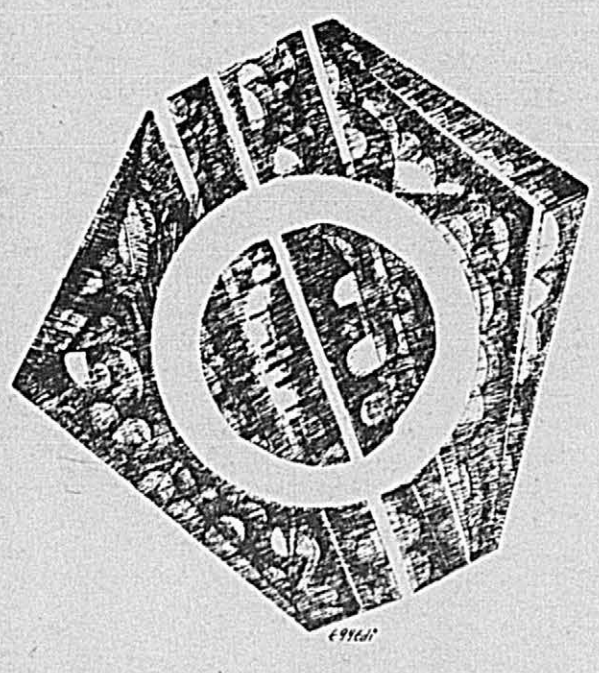
But I kept doing my chores (besides shopping, cooking, eating, cleaning, love-hungering, human-relation-longing, enjoying life's best—i.e. that is still free—, culturing my own parcel of garden on the imaginary island that I got to fight for 24 hours a day . . . with sharks and obese whores . . .): reporting . . . so that when the cycle is over, there shall be—for unearthing, many a centuries later—some bunch of scribbled things labelled—in that speculative future idiom's graphs—: 'Manuscripts—still under investigation—of the 20th Century Reporter Reporting about Self and the Selves around'.

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I was gala-dressed—'41 December—on a Sunday (in our parts) for my Sports Club's (one of the finest!) dance . . . elegantly-dressed, and already winter-coated . . . (remember: a reporter never sleeps, nor dances, even makes love with the eyes closed!) putting my hat on, after my night shift at the newsagency over, my eyes caught a silently rushing, though ominous, how ominous '*flash—flash—flash*' on the teletype So, cutting my un-professional pleasure (the dance), I hungarized the news (there was lack in the English part anyway: I was an 'elite' with my foreign-tongue aptitudes. . . alas, 'où sont les neiges d'antan?') . . . and so I sneak-attacked *Pearl Harbour*, from my newsdesk (Later, at the Club, gave an improvised press-conference to the executive members of same . . . and caught the eyes of the 'belle-of-belles'. . . .Sigh . . .).

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So I've started the 'real dance' (macabre)—from my desk—and logically had to finish it too. So quite naturally I was at the same, very same desk . . . '45 August . . . to retaliate . . . and launch the *atomic bomb*, linguistically, into the scale (of justice?). A true Pompeian guard! With an intervening spell of air-raid-rat-ship . . . (one of my brothers tortured and liquidated by the nazis) (my skis and skiff confiscated on the approach of the Russians, so that they shall not sportively gain speed on the retreating Germans), a-plenty of hungering, cold-ing . . . Nazi menaces, Russians 'fooling-around' with automatic rifles in your lean ribs, in candle-lit caves, with the "liberators" in the 'spirit' . . . then a spell of Solzenitsyn-described PoWar (civilian!)—ship . . . but worse (!) than the 'select' Russian scientists' . . . and then escape (escapist . . .), hiding till the War (on the European 'theatre' . . .) ended, because—from civilian, caught 'without leash, labelled into 'PoW' . . . then made into 'democratic soldier' . . . and since escaped: a deserter . . . with its strictly strick-y consequence) . . . then turned up my eyes again to the blue heaven, deserted by now by the flying mass-killing-media 'things' . . . and so at *Hiroshima* . . . I closed the circle



The Circle



(And, escapist . . . '48 December—when Cardinal Mindszenty whose residence is my own native city: 1000 yrs. old was about to be 'looked after'—I master-minded my own harrowing un-glorious "Power and Glory" through the oozing swamps, a whole-day solo-death-march . . . with watchtowers looming (but hidden by the just-ripe tall reeds) and blooddogs (finding no trace because of the muds) . . .; a bird, caught by its tiny feet in a reed branch . . . now dried out with its pathetic small body: fighting for freedom . . .—then unprepared/because easy to detect/across the Third Man's Vienna . . . and the 4-zone Austria . . . from camp to camp . . . across the Alps . . . leaky half-boots . . . underfed body . . . the spirit alone lifting your body . . . across Switzerland . . . and into the old old Dream-land: France . . . Caught, the first time, by 'gendarmes' . . . who were keeping vigil on the 'contrebandiers' from Switzerland (the misery of the rest: 1949 . . . and the richness of those!) . . . and specially for a beautiful rich Belfort Widow's killer . . . who of course must have been a 'foreigner'. (Happy to say some months later he was found . . . and I was 'cleared' from the slightest slur: he was from Bordeaux, and had no accent . . . was a French . . .)

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So on went the Reporter-about-himself . . . sportily working in a back-breaking brick-factory (while in 'résidence obligatoire') . . . then on . . . toward his French teacher's francophile dreams: Paris *And three years of beautiful miseries!!!!*

Then, on the Canadian Megalomaniac Public-shitty, lured by a mistress (who has left before), I threw up the once-in-a-life-time chance: refused the Radio Free Europe job. (Munich) ('Too good to be true'—I was told million times . . .). With my brother liquidated in those parts, my wife who could be harmed—in the native country—for my 'activities' . . . and having paid such an inhuman price for my 'freedom' (escape): 'Why should I now freely serve another propaganda?'.

So this Country—full of promise . . .—took me 'in': dishwashing, labouring . . . lay-off . . . out-of-job, mis-used, exploited, because unprotected, un-unionized So, here, too . . . I've made the full circle: my father was ruined and his family through W.W. 1 (I saw the world for half-a-year when the 'Kaiser' declared that he could not go without a father-of-six . . .) . . . on his return, his wife, my mother died (completely de-vitalised by the 4-years-6-children-no-husband miseries, an easy prey to 'influenza') . . . then when the 'brilliant scholar' (me! please . . .) got through university, the W.W. 2 showed its hideous face

. . . I was attracted to—journalism (3 post-university yrs.) . . . and things started rolling . . . and never stopped

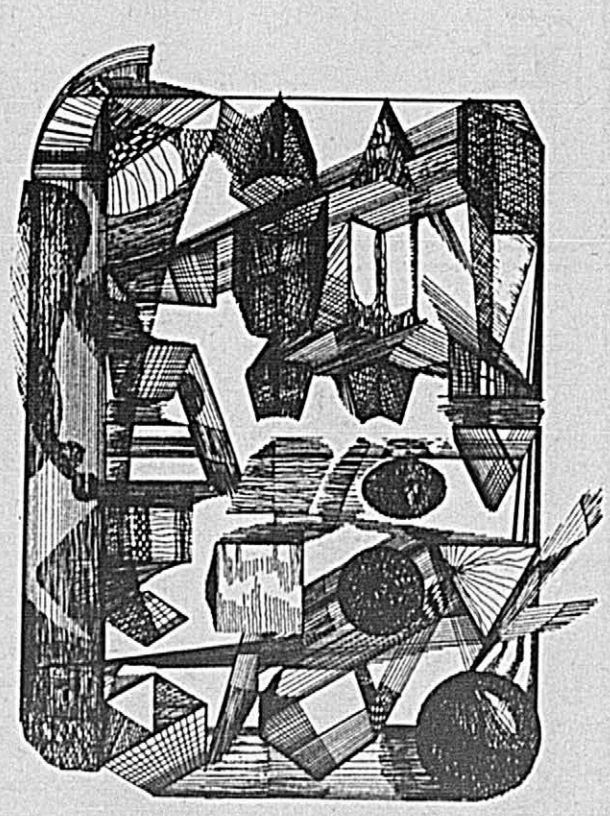
So once more I made the circle (is it?): born into still lingering Feudalism, (still the *more* humane from all of them) . . . across the pre-nazism . . . then total nazism . . . into the communism . . . (a short, alas!, too short a spell of the French political-etc. way-of-life . . .), then onto—'kamikaze!' I would have walked back if there were a bridge!—the capitalism in Canada. . .where a wise man (the first one, that is)—because I did not know the 'Rules-of-the-Game' nor do I care, today . . . and I told my true age . . . took me out of my youngman's box (body & spirit) . . . placed me into another one and labelled: 'You're-too-old' At less than 37!!!! At T'ron'o . . .: "German? (Horse-laugh, employment office, re my qualifications . . . French and German specialist) Didn't you hear the Germans lost the war?" ('51)—"French? You should've gotten off the train at Montreeee-awwl!"; so I proceeded to the second-Paris of my life:separatist? federalist? francophone? anglophone? overqualified . . . underqualified . . . too old . . . too young . . . too short of Canadian "papers" Too French, too anglophone . . . because you're, you happen to be a linguist, too Remember Europe? The mosaic is said to be too horrible to mention . . . there What here? The circle? . . . and reportage? Well, yes! Over-exploited by a great-man, scraped together—by living a continued ascetic life for three years!—money for a '3rd class' trip to the Far-East (for my soul and body to heal them) . . . and in a span of a couple of hours . . .—*a Reporter without Assignment*—I meditated in the balmy, but horrorfilled *Pearl Harbour* port (1966—and the speedboat excursioner-Americans were cracking jokes and munching popcorn while riding across the entombed 'flash'—history) . . . then I watched the *overdone* anglicized Japanese texts,grimly read (in the Japanese equivalent/?/) by silent, solemn, gloomy and thronging Japanese, in the 'Peace Museum', *Hiroshima.*

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There are many a circles . . . and I did close some of them But I am still looking for a private circle . . . tiny like the spot in the oozing stenchy swamps . . . the small clump of swamps . . . with the spirit (and the uncaught flying legs of a bird) spelling out in an all-human idiom: 'freedom—dignity—humanité' . . . with one or two (for modesty sake!) human (!) faces around . . . on a kerchief-sized (non-Kleenexy) Greek island-let . . . or similar (not for political innuendo) . . . washed around by soul-lifting tune and shape and colour of human-shark-Uninfested ocean . . . amen!

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And create . . . for the soul's pleasure . . . and for a handful of rice, corn or manioc, what have you . . . given to you because your share . . . humanely. And your head not lower than most rich bastards' level . . . re-amen



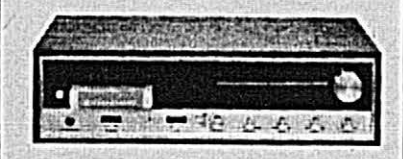
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DEMOS

by ron blumer

Most of us wander around with the idea that there is a Mr. or Miss right out there waiting for us. Mr. Right or not, most of us end up being hitched with another person, for better or worse, 'til death do us part. Many assume that somehow, this is the natural order of things and live out our lives miserably wondering what went wrong. Here is an interview with someone who doesn't believe in all this - who doesn't see the couple, the biological unit, hand in hand walking into the sunset, as an ideal or even a necessary compromise.

I think that most people have trouble making friends with one of the sexes precisely because they are sexually interested. My sexual fixation is for young boys. When I meet someone my age, 20, 25 years old, there are no sexual fears involved. My sexual trip is completely impossible, completely unacceptable socially — but it has made it possible to be more free than most people in this area of relating to other persons.

I've had several really close friendships. Last year I had this really close thing with a girl — almost a mock marriage. We cooked for each other, incredibly domestic. We never ran around, watched TV, Beverly Hillbillies, Johnny Carson — ate brown rice; made cookies then went to the Crystal to see three biggies It was a really good three months. Then May came, the lease was up, she ran out of money, wanted to go to Toronto — so we split. The same thing happens with all my friendships. The girls doubt whether the thing is real since I am able to let it break off so easily. I'm mercurial, I jump from thing to thing — another thing comes along; that's all. I need people, I like people tremendously; but at the same time there is this complete detachment. I can really feel close to someone for three months but when things change, it's no hassle for me to let go and move on. I don't need constancy.

People are a source of endless fascination for me, like watching TV or going to a gallery — going from painting to painting — that can be really intense. The same with people. What is missing is this drippy, emotional sentimental Jewish involvement which I simply don't feel. No rage, no tears, no pounding the chest. You say I'm cold, but I'm not, it's possible for me to be very intimate with someone, very warm. At the moment which it happens I'm involved; I am involved but I'm not attached, not permanently fixed there with cement coming up to my ankles.

I don't see how this time thing is a test of whether something is real or not. I don't see how time makes a relationship real or meaningful. Why is loving someone for thirty years any stronger or more valid than loving someone for three months? I personally feel much more at home with movement, evolution and revolution. Two people together for a long time, growing beside each other, growing into each other like branches twining into each other until you have one piece of solid twisted wood — this is just one way of doing things. There is also the other way of growing by yourself, shedding leaves, shedding skins, growing new ones, and this is also a natural cycle. If you like life, if you really love living, you aren't going to go and freeze yourself when you're seventy, you are going to be able to live when you are alive and then let go of it. You will not spend your life neurotically afraid of death. In the same way, if you really like people, you aren't going to go out and grab a girl and hold her in your lap for fifty years. You're going to want lots of people on your lap.

Most of those who comfortably, snuggily settle down with one other person don't really like people — they like each other and hate everyone else — they see everyone else as objects. They love their family, maybe by extension their country but it's all fierce Fascist attachment, they can have no genuine response to another person's persona. I think that I am different in this respect, I think that I can genuinely respond to other people. I can appreciate you, for example, better than your girlfriend can. She is attached to you, she has been attracted to you through some biological arousal or what have you, but otherwise, she wouldn't stop to look at you. I appreciate people, I am fascinated by them; their good qualities, their bad qualities, their eccentricities. I get off on them.

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picked up some herbs, vegetables, lemon, breadcrumbs and a roll of aluminium foil, and that night I baked my first fish. I had a few friends over, somebody brought a bottle of white Rhine wine, and after that the winter never seemed so bleak again. Fish had come back into my life—not merely as an occasional diversion during the summer months; but as a permanent presence, a part of my regular diet.

There are many different ways to prepare fish and over the past few years I've tasted most of them. I've had broiled bluefish with bacon, deep fried cod, with french fries, sautée doré with black bean sauce, boiled carp in a Hungarian fish soup, and Japanese-style raw fish wrapped in sea-weed. They're all good, of course, and they all have their place; but when it comes to preparing fish in my own kitchen there's one method I prefer over all others. Poaching.

Levi-Strauss tells us that when food is cooked it is actually being culturally-transformed (which is not the same as being 'naturally-transformed, ie., rotted). Among the modes of cultural-transformation (smoking, roasting, broiling, boiling) there is a hierarchy that is determined by the social prestige that accrues to each. Roasting, apparently holds the highest position on this hierarchy, while boiling (of which poaching and steaming are merely variants) occupies the lowest position. Why is this so? Well, Levi-Strauss explains it this way:

"Boiling provides a means of complete conservation of the meat and its juices, whereas roasting is accompanied by destruction and loss. Thus, one denotes economy; the other, prodigality; the latter is aristocratic, the former, plebian." (from 'Le Triangle Culinaire', pg. 23).

Well, you don't have to be a structural anthropologist to figure out that poached fish just ain't got no class. It's plebian food, something you give the help while out front your guests dine on roast goose.

But when the cholesterol hits your guests and they all drop dead from coronary seizures, the help will still be fit as fiddles.

Poached fish is healthy—high in protein, low in fat. (We'll leave aside the mercury question for the time being, except to say, that according to Irving, there's no problem. He should know, he eats the stuff every day.) Poached fish is also, as Levi-Strauss correctly points out, economical. And, most important, it can be very good eating—if you prepare it right.

Just about any kind of fish is good for poaching—as long as it has relatively firm flesh. My favorites are striped bass, doré and salmon. The first two are white flesh fish, the doré (also known as the walleye) being a large relative of the common yellow perch, the striped bass an anadromous (sea-run) version of the familiar black bass. The salmon, of course, is pink-fleshed—the king of the fish.

In essence, one poaches a fish by simply boiling it in a small amount of liquid. There are special rectangular fish-poachers on the market, but you don't really need one. All you have to do is boil some liquid and let the fish stand covered over a low flame. When it flakes easily with a fork, it's ready.

Classically, the liquid used for poaching fish is a court boullion made from fish stock and dry white wine. In fact, a broth made by boiling together leeks, onions, fresh herbs (parsley, dill) and a little lemon juice or vinegar will do.

Poached fish is equally good hot or cold. When I make white flesh fish I like to include a sort of stuffing made of apple, mushroom, scallion and fish roe, and serve it hot. Salmon, I think, is best cold with mayonnaise and lemon.

Eat poached fish a couple of times a week and as Nicholas down at Waldman's says—'you'll live to be 99'. As a matter of fact, it is supposed to be good for other things aside from longevity. The word going around the fish trade is that it's good for your sex life. But never trust rumours—test it for yourself.

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Allende in Chile," the Honourable Member for Témiscamingue informed the House. He went on to demonstrate how the elections of Ed Schreyer in Manitoba, Allan Blakeney in Saskatchewan and finally John Harney in Ottawa last month were all part of the Communist menace.

"Let us act quickly so that our little children do not say that it was the 29th Parliament which sacked the Canadian nation."

British Columbia's Social Credit Premier, W.A.C. Bennett, has not even waited for the throne speech. Immediately after the NDP swept to victory with a narrow majority of the Commons seats, Bennett warned that British Columbia might separate if the federal government's policies were "incompatible."

"A Socialist government," he declared, "is a disaster."

Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa has risked dissolving the National Assembly to call an election. According to Bourassa, Quebec's economic interests take precedence over federal policies. He says that Quebec needs jobs and that private investment is the quickest way of providing employment.

Bourassa pointed out that the closing of the General Motors plant in Ste-Thérèse may have been a response to the NDP victory. However, he is in trouble, with a revitalized Parti Québécois breathing down his neck. The PQ was supported by 32 per cent of the respondents in the latest opinion poll.

The General Motors action is not easy to understand in view of the result of the Canada-U.S. interministerial conference a week after the election. The Americans, in the words of one highly-placed source, "wanted to know whether they had to be too concerned about a socialist government, and whether they had a Castro on their hands."

The conclusion of that conference was that "they were satisfied that they didn't."

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by arnold bennett

Réal blasts unions

Créditiste leader Réal Caouette called for the restoration of capital punishment and denounced union leaders in a speech at McGill yesterday.

Caouette, brought to about 100 friendly but skeptical students by the Debating Union, had harsh words for all Canadian governments and parties except those headed by Social Crediters.

Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa, Conservative leader Robert Stanfield (referred to as "Standstill" by Caouette) and Parti Québécois leader René Lévesque received special attention.

The Créditiste leader tried to depict himself as a "revolutionary" who was "the same way" in his time as today's protesting youth. "I'm still protesting against the government," he declared. "But I personally have never thrown a stone at anyone. I believe in persuasion rather than imposing ideas on people. That's why I'm against terrorism."

Caouette said he became convinced of the need for capital punishment after "the murdering of Pierre Laporte" last October by the FLQ.

"I don't go along with the union leaders because I think they are irresponsible," Caouette announced. "They know what they're against but not what they want. Michel Chartrand, Louis Laberge and Marcel Pepin would not be tolerated two minutes in Cuba, but Chartrand went on radio saying how great Cuba is. All they're missing in Cuba is soap and toilet paper."

"But I do favour unions," Caouette hastened to add. "We need them."

Like other Socreds he believes that Canada's economic problems can be solved by creating "a new economic context in which each province can feel at home."

He proposed that the Bank of Canada should be used to create "proper credit based on productivity." He maintained that "social credit doesn't mean printing up more money without considering anything else, despite what some of our opponents claim."

"Free enterprise and personal initiative have to be encouraged," Caouette declared. "You can't put everyone in the same jacket."

He proposed that "the public sector," meaning provinces, municipalities and school boards, "should be able to borrow from the Bank of Canada at no interest."

"Some people find this funny," he charged.

Caouette pointed out that the Jacques Cartier Bridge cost $18 million. "But we've paid $21 million and still owe $14 million."

"Yet Canada just gave a loan to India at no interest for 60 years. In 60 years Trudeau will be 113 years old. Margaret will be 83."

Caouette sees the Bank of Canada as a means of preserving Canadian independence. "Let the Americans start companies and invest, and let them make a profit," he pleaded, "but let them not take away our country."

He quoted former Prime Minister Mackenzie King, who said that "usury once in control will wreck any nation" and that control of currency is government's "conspicuous and sacred responsibility."

"That's just as true today as it was in 1935," asserted Caouette.

He lashed out at Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa for running to the United States to borrow capital, and predicted that René Levesque would do the same if he ever became Premier.

"Do you think he'd tell the financiers to speak French or else?" Caouette scoffed. "We all know very well that Levesque would be on his knees begging, in English."

The Créditiste leader also launched an attack on the federal government's employment policies. He pointed out that "the government is saying it hasn't got enough jobs now, but if a war broke out tomorrow it would have a job for each and every one of you — in the army."

Cecil Rhodes is dead

Next week will be a Week of Solidarity with the Zimbabwean people.

A meeting of about 50 people, mostly McGill students, yesterday resolved to stage a week of teach-ins, demonstrations and other activities in protest against the recently concluded pact between the British government and the Smith regime of "Rhodesia".

The main event of the Solidarity Week will be a demonstration, tentatively scheduled for Thursday. Teach-ins will be held at Sir George, the Université de Montréal, and possibly Dawson College.

Representatives from various black groups at McGill, Sir George and in the community at large were present at yesterday's meeting.

They heard speakers denounce the Rhodesia agreement as a "racist pact between an imperialist-minded British regime and a white settler minority regime".

A Zimbabwean speaker insisted that to analyse the agreement "in a legalistic way" was sterile and time-wasting. "We are faced with blatant colonialism, abetted by white racism," he said. "We are asked to sit back and accept that we will be in the majority by the year 2035. Nothing could be a worse insult to us than this."

"We are supposed to accept it because we have been wards of the white imperialist world for so long," the speaker continued. "One can only conclude that there is in fact honor among thieves."

"We are demanding and insisting on what is ours by right," he added. "Our hope is that all progressive elements in the international forum will join us."

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Mr. Rovins will not be working with the present Council but with the newly-elected one."

Pang criticized some councillors for arguing points on the basis of "personalities" rather than "issues". Accusations and counteraccusations were thrown around, most of them unsubstantiated, the engineering representative said.

"I wish the next Council good luck!"

"But at least something constructive was done tonight: they passed a motion supporting the stand taken by ISA and the national clubs to oppose any fee hike for non-Canadian students."

Ashley Hilliard (Arts and Science Representative) called the Students' Council meeting "great entertainment".

"We are faced with an horrendous situation due to Pomerantz's resignation and Rovins' position and character."

Hilliard did not feel that Rovins has the capability of handling an administrative position. "He is helpless."

Hilliard will be serving on the committee that has been appointed to help Rovins. "We won't be making decisions. We only want to keep things functioning."

by phyllis ball

Sir George: checkoff clause unresolved

The two-week-old strike of non-professional library workers at Sir George Williams University is nearing a settlement.

"I'm optimistic that we can have the contract signed within the next few days," Helen Noyes, one of the Union negotiators, said yesterday.

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All issues in the dispute except one were settled in a marathon bargaining session Monday night. The union's remaining demand is for compulsory check-off, which would require present staff who are not members of the union to pay the equivalent of union dues if they refuse to join the union.

The National Union of Sir George Williams University Employees, a CNTU affiliate, represents the 100 non-professional library staff, 70 per cent of whom are members of the union.

The union considers compulsory check-off as a vital part of any settlement. "This is one point we can't back down on," said Helen Noyes.

Non-union staff are getting the benefit of union wage settlements and contracts, while not contributing to union funds, she pointed out.

The administration has flatly rejected this proposal, although it has agreed that all new staff should become union members.

Michael Sheldon, Assistant to the Principal, yesterday circulated a flyer on campus outlining the administration's position on the compulsory check-off dispute. He favors the inclusion of a "grandfather clause" in the new contract, which would give present employees now outside the union the right to refuse to pay dues to the union.

"We feel that people who have chosen not to join the union should not be forced to support it financially," Sheldon said.

At Monday night's meeting the administration offered to pay the equivalent of union dues for any employee who refused to join the union. The union, who saw this as an obvious attempt to break the power of the union, rejected this.

"Moreover, their proposal was illegal," said Helen Noyes. "It violated Article 11 of the Labor Code, which prohibits any employer from financing his employees in this way."

The union sees the administration's strong resistance to this particular clause as hypocritical and waffling, since the administration had agreed to it earlier in the negotiations.

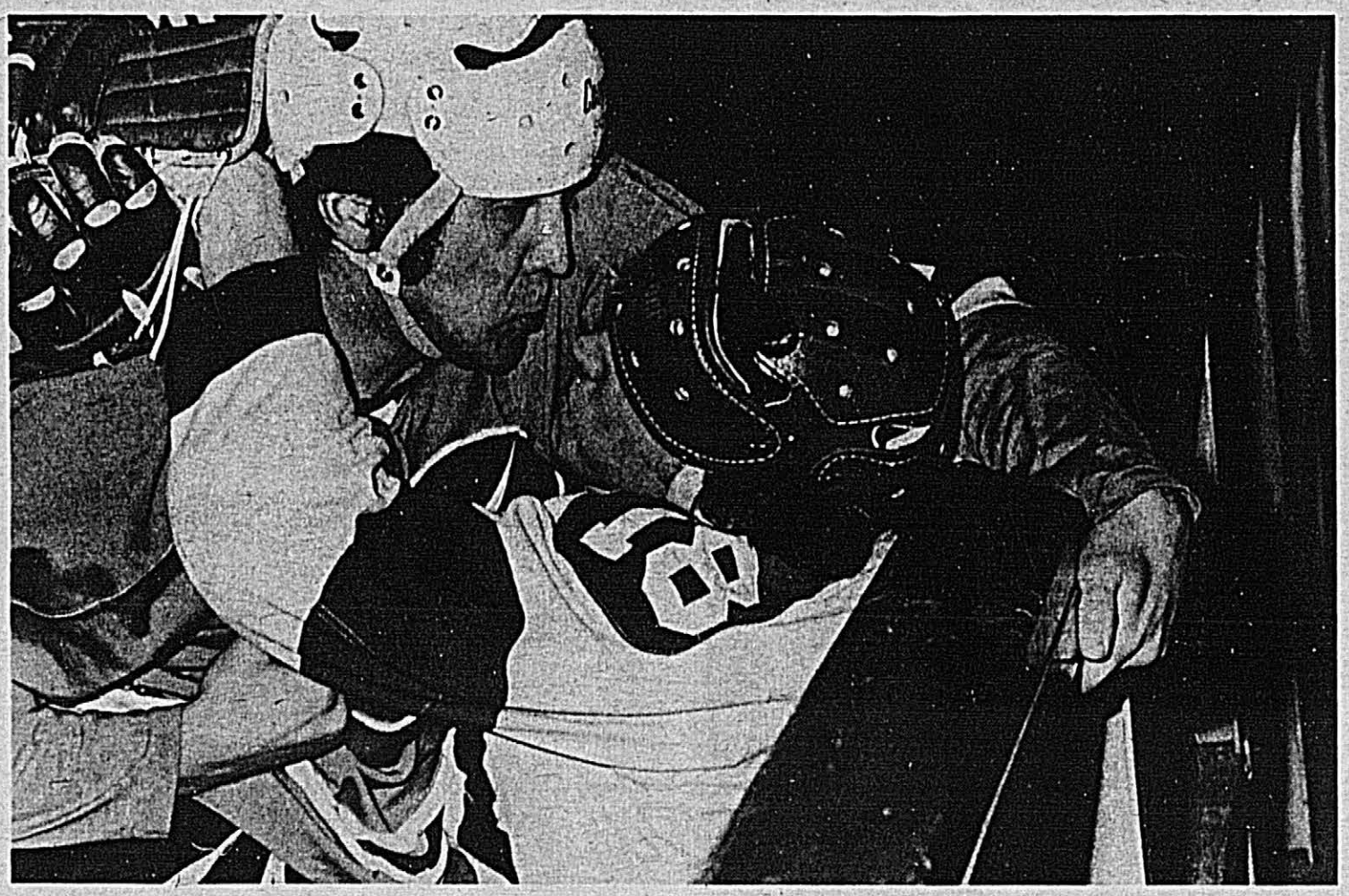
"My reaction to this latest argument has been total disbelief," said Miss Noyes. "We could be back at work tomorrow if it wasn't for this."

There will be a benefit performance for the striking National Union of Sir George Williams University Employees of "L'Invincible Irrésistible". Admission is 25 cents and the performance will be held at Birk's Hall in the Norris Building (1435 Drummond St.) at 9 pm tonight.

Most of the union's demands, including a clear definition of management rights and promotions based mainly on seniority, have been agreed to. The union has also accepted the administration's offer of three weeks' vacation after one year, and five months unpaid maternity leave.

The wage settlement gives an immediate 10 per cent increase to the two lowest categories of library workers, and a slightly smaller increase to higher categories. All workers will receive an additional four per

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by ron abrahams
and hurd stein

The woes of the mesh

The McGill hockey Redmen have now played 8 games. These, incidentally have resulted in 8 losses with 23 goals for, 74 against. Unfortunately these reporters have been unable to attend all of the games. We therefore turned to what we believe has to be the most reliable source of information about the squad, Mr. Murky Meshwork, the net the Redmen defend. We now submit the text of our discussion with Mr. Meshwork.

Daily: *What pre-game preparations does a hockey net go through?*

Meshwork: Are you talking about a regular net or one like myself?

Daily: *We suppose a regular net.*

Meshwork: Well there's the usual humiliation at the hands of the referee, who must for some reason fondle the cord.

Daily: *And what specifically do you do?*

Meshwork: Well, as you know I get hit more often than anyone else in my profession. I am forced to suit up—in other words, pad myself.

Daily: *Has the goaltender hampered your viewing of the game in any way?*

Meshwork: I think it is obvious that he has left ample space for pucks to get in and me to see out.

Daily: *What, then, is your opinion of the Redmen.*

Meshwork: I must admit that for obvious reasons, I prefer a good defensive team. This McGill group appears not to be, as I have taken a tremendous physical beating. Other guys get hit 3, 4 times a game—me, it's 10 or 11.

Daily: *You seem quite harsh on the team. Have you seen any bright spots at all?*

Meshwork: Actually after every goal I see stars.

Daily: *I meant bright spots on the team?*

Meshwork: Although my beating hasn't ceased lately in any way, I have some consolation from the fact that my fellow guild members have been roughed up lately by our own boys. McGill has scored 12 goals in the last two outings.

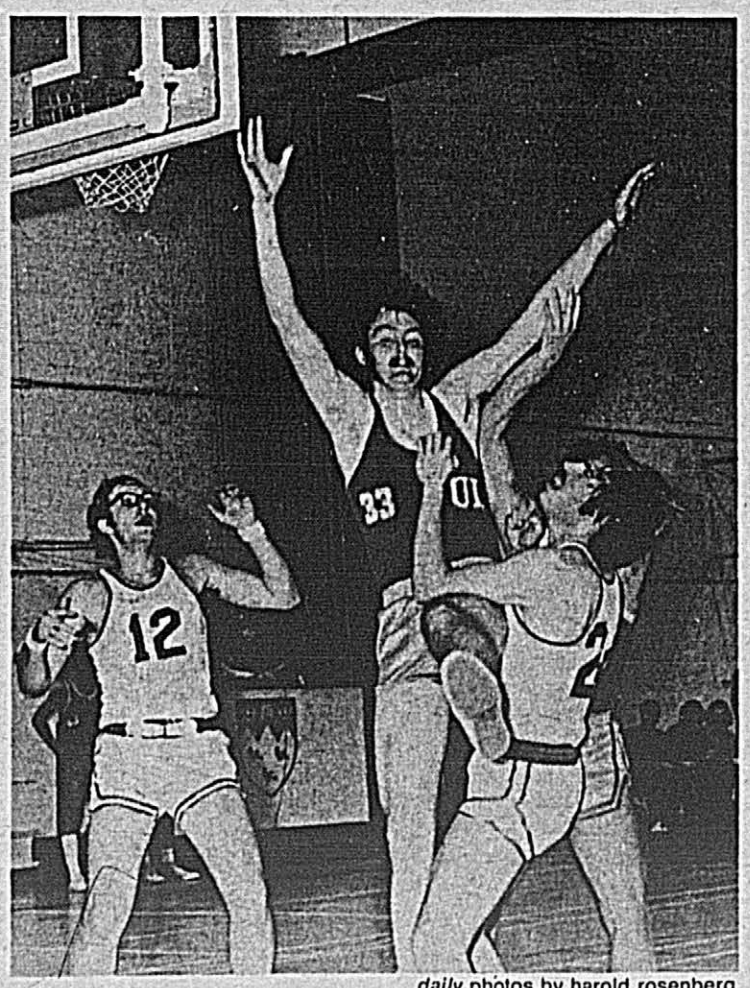
Daily: *After 14 years behind the Redmen what have been the high points of your career?*

Meshwork: First you must remember I work for McGill. Then you won't be surprised when I tell you there haven't been any.

This past week McGill continued to play an exciting brand of hockey although the outcomes were as before. The Redmen lost 5-3 to RMC, and 11-6 to both Loyola and U de Q. The last two games produced hat tricks for Herb Madill and Jack Periotti as the offence seems to have come together.

We'd like to thank Mr. Murky Meshwork for his time and invite you out to see him Friday night at the Winter Stadium when McGill plays Laval. This is the first meeting of the teams but if things continue to go as they have been, Meshwork will be in for another bruising evening.

Kiss me, you fool!



daily photos by harold rosenberg

McGILL'S CHAD GAFFIELD grimaces in lieu of the abdominal thrust delivered by a Laval opponent. Joe Prah (12), disabled with a broken wrist last week, looks on.

by joe dylewski

Hoopsters host RMC

Recently it has been very hard to find nice things to say about the Redmen basketball team. They have managed to lose their last two games and consequently have very little chance of finishing in first place.

Their first loss of the season was at the hands of league leading Loyola. The Warriors are not as strong this year as in the past but they were capable enough to defeat McGill both times these two have met. The first encounter occurred well before the Redmen had jelled and the outcome was predictable — Loyola in a walk. The second game was played recently at McGill and an early game injury to Joe Prah prevented the Redmen from capitalizing on Loyola's inability to score. The Warriors used a stall offence to protect their slim lead and went on to defeat McGill 52-39.

Perhaps the worst defeat that McGill has suffered came last Wednesday against Macdonald. The game was played at the Clansmen's home before a very hostile crowd. A combination of poor refereeing, intimidation and hot shooting guided the boys from Mac to a victory over the highly favoured Redmen.

During the past week the Redmen have been practicing diligently in an attempt to tone up for the home stretch. Ahead of them lies the heart of the schedule. Fierce competition is expected from all teams in the league for the four playoff positions. The Redmen will not have an easy time seruring one of these positions. They have to face Loyola, an inspired Sir George team, Macdonald, as well as some of the tougher French universities.

Tomorrow at 3 p.m., the Redmen host RMC in what should be considered a guaranteed McGill victory (even Bo Legges will not wager on the game). The only matter of interest in this game is Coach Wimisner's choice for Joe Prah's substitute. The most likely selection is Phil "Flash" Thompson who has impressed the fans (as well as the coach) with his desire to play. Also going from the guard slot will be Chad Gaffield whose outstanding shooting has kept the Redmen in many a ball game.

Up front will see a mean John Naponick at centre. John is still fuming over that Loyola game in which he was held to just three points, all on foul shots. This Saturday's game could see him break loose for a legendary performance. Joining John will be Kit Kennard and Paul LeMaitre.

Kit has been exhibiting great promise during the season and is by far McGill's most consistent player. LeMaitre is still trying to shake a few cobwebs on his shots but should be ready to turn in his usual steady performance.

Again I must stress the need for fan support for all Redmen home games. The team is working on a very slim budget that doesn't provide for adequate transportation for away games. The revenue from the gate goes toward altering this situation. So for an entertaining afternoon of fast paced basketball come to the Currie Gym tomorrow at 3.

Foul shots: This is the last home game before the holidays . . . Prah's injury is not as serious as first feared However he should miss at least one game Bob Wylie should return to form this Saturday Bob had a tough time against Loyola last Friday.

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Several dozen students have formed a student strike committee, which last week attempted an Abbie Hoffman-style levitation of the Henry Hall building to rid it of its "evil spirits".

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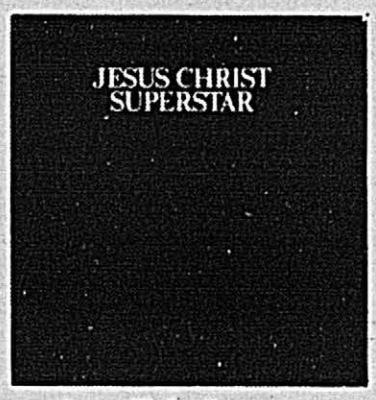




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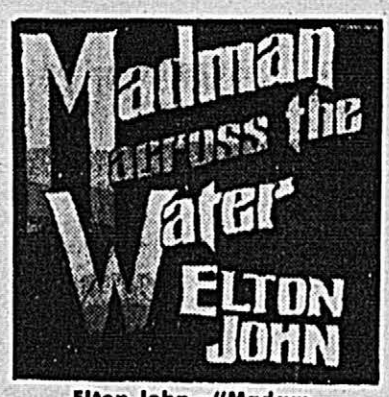
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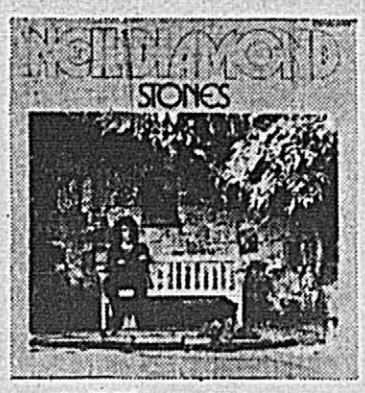


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